

East Genomics Patient and Public Voice (PPV) Panel recruiting [Image: East Genomics Patient Panel flyer]

Do you have experience of genomic or genetic testing on the NHS, either for yourself or someone you care for? If you live in the East Midlands or East of England and would like to share your experience and insights, help shape communications and patient information, and ensure services reflect what matters to patients, families and carers, then NHS East Genomics would like to hear from you.

Applications are invited to join their Patient and Public Voice (PPV) Panel. You can find out more about the role, and apply, on [the East Genomics website here](#). If you would like to discuss the role before applying, please email Communications and PPI Lead Ian Kingsbury in the first instance: i.kingsbury@nhs.net

Call for Citizens' Jury on use of DNA (genetic) information in health research [Image and attachment: Citizens' Jury flyer]

Health researchers are exploring whether genomic data (information from our DNA) could, in the future, be used securely to improve research into conditions such as cancer and rare diseases. Before anything changes, decision-makers want to understand what the public thinks.

Members of the public are invited to join a Citizens' Jury taking place on Wednesday 11 March, 10am - 4pm in Leicester. The Citizens' Jury is being organised by the Eastern England Secure Data Environment (SDE), in partnership with NHS organisations and public contributors. Invitations to take part are invited from people from a wide range of backgrounds, including:

- People affected by cancer or rare disease (patients, carers, family members)
- Anyone with an interest in genetics, health or medical research

To qualify you must:

- Be aged 18 years or over
- Live in the East Midlands or East of England

No special knowledge is needed - just your experiences, values and opinions. To express interest or find out more, [please complete the form here](#). The closing date for applications is Wednesday 4 March 2026. If selected, you will be contacted with further details. £200 will be offered to recognize participants' time and contribution. A thank-you payment is also available for participants who can only join online.

Help shape a new Genomics Health Hub for communities [Image and attachment: Genomics Health Hub]

The NHS North Thames Genomics Medicine Service is looking to collaborate with local communities to create an easy-to-use online Genomics Health Hub. One major aim of the Hub is to make information about genomics and health clearer, fairer, and easier to access, so that communities can have the opportunity to benefit from advances in genomic healthcare.

Members of the public are invited to complete a short survey asking for their thoughts on different explanations of genomics and genetics. Your responses will help shape the final design of the hub. [Please take a few minutes to share your views here](#) (no prior knowledge of genomics is required).